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## Kickbackees back in the saddle

CLARE MAURO, LL.B. III

The defending champions of Women's Indoor Soccer are back and better than ever! Off to a blazing 2-0 record, the Kickbackees are determined to repeat as champs in the outdoor league.

Earlier concerns that the team would not be in contention for the title again this year, due to the loss of several key players, have been quieted by the return of Roxanne "The Rock" Hooshangi on defence and strikers Tripta "Stix" Sood and Lanna "La Merveilleuse" Hollo.

Furthermore, the addition of several outstanding newcomers, notably Erin "Boom Boom" Needra, MC Marie-Claire Leman, Super Samantha Callow, Amazing Alexandra Boivin, and Natasha "No Guts, No Glory" Guinan, have nicely filled some of the holes on the team.

The season began with a nice little 2-0 victory over G-Force, a team consisting mainly of rookies. Kudos to goal-scorers Steph "Terminator" Taylor and Hollo.

Three days later, the team neatly disposed of the Management Team 1-0, with a goal scored by Needra.

Defensively the team has been solid, with Captain Christine Sakiris and Charlene "Sweeper" Kavanagh in the backfield. Veteran 'keeper Mauro has yet to see a shot on goal.

If the team keeps this up, another trip to the finals is sure to follow.

Will the team be able to go all the way this year, or will they be tripped up by their arch-rivals from Med, the Dendrites? (Is it me, or is that just a really stupid name anyway?)

The next games are Tuesday, September

30th at 9:50 p.m. and Wednesday, October 8th at 9 p.m., both at Molson Stadium.

Come out and support the team in their quest for the cup! Remember, if you can't be an athlete, be an athletic supporter (right, Dan?)

## Top Ten Pick-Up Lines To Use At The Supreme Court

STEVEN LEITMAN

NAT IV & CONDUIT TO THE SPIRIT WORLD

- 10) Does that factum go all the way up?
- 9) Yeah, I know Justice Major personally.
- 8) What's a nice woman like you doing in a Supreme Court like this?
- 7) I'm a Scorpio. What are you?
- 6) I'd like to request leave to take you out to dinner.
- 5) I'm going to ask for Habeas Corpus.  
Response: Why?  
Because you've stolen my heart.
- 4) If it pleases the court, may I ask the intervener to dance?
- 3) Which do you prefer being; appellant or respondent?
- 2) You'd be in contempt of court not to go to a movie with me.
- 1) If I could rearrange the court roll, I'd put our motions next to each other.

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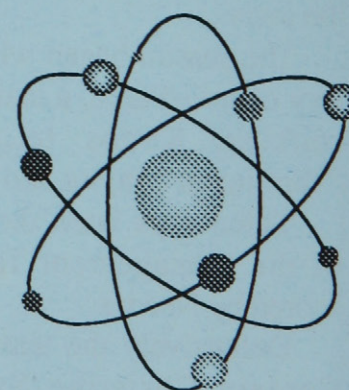
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First term **COURSE VERIFICATION** will take place Tuesday 14th October to Friday 17th October inclusive. The Porter's Desk outside Moot Court will be set up from 09:30-16:00h daily for you to check your Fall term record. *Please take the time to read the few simple instructions before making any changes*. December examination numbers are also issued at this time.

Term II **COURSE CANCELLATION**. Matrimonial Property (473-456B) is cancelled. Students registered in this course are asked to delete it via MARS when the system opens for Term II Add/Drop. Prof. Brierley will be happy to supervise essays on this topic for interested students.

The **OUS Bulletin Board** can now be found in the hallway of Old Chancellor Day Hall, beside the Tutorial Programme boards.



## Upcoming Events

none this week due to lack of upcoming events

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# THE LAND

The wonderful world of Arnotts

DOMINIQUE LAPIERRE &  
STEPHANIE JOHNSON  
NAT IV

# DOWN UNDER

Depuis notre arrivée, nous avons remarqué que les australiens ne sont pas forts sur le sucre. Vous n'avez qu'à goûter au vegemite pour comprendre ce qu'on veut dire. C'est une espèce de "spread" qui ressemble à de la graisse de roti, version végétarienne, qui goûte le sel et qu'ils étendent passionnément sur leur toast le matin.

Le plus ironique dans tout ça c'est qu'ils ne mangent pas de dessert mais on en a jamais vu autant dans les restos et les cafés. Sans compter qu'ils font les meilleurs p'tits biscuits au monde (non ce ne sont pas des Monsieur Christie): Arnotts cookies! Imaginez des backpackers descendant la côte est australienne et qui fantasment tous ensemble inévitablement sur les Arnotts! Des gaufrettes trempées dans le chocolat (disponibles en plusieurs variétés: chocolat noir, chocolat au lait, hazelnut), des biscuits-sandwich au coconut...un

orgasme gustatif, on vous l'assure.

But the culinary experience in Australia doesn't stop with cookies. There are enough restaurants and cafes here to last three lifetimes and then some. It's not surprising that the Lonely Planet warned us that Melbourne is the last place on earth where you can start a diet. Needless to say, we'll come back with a healthy glow! Thai restaurants are the most common (and cheapest) places to eat, and we tend to end up there every week. The satay influence has started to rub off on us as we become more and more addicted to that peanut sauce taste: we eat peanut butter every morning, make our own satay at home and Dominique has even gone so far as to put some in her spaghetti sauce! I kid you not! And there are the little things that make you look forward to eating: those same cereals we eat at home are somehow

twice as crunchy here, the orange juice is zingier, even regular sliced bread is good.

Malheureusement, pour les amateurs de café, ça laisse à désirer. Pas moyen de trouver un café filtre qui a de l'allure!

Ceci dit, on essaie de changer les choses un peu. On a décidé un bon matin d'initier quelques australiens aux bonnes vieilles traditions québécoises. On leur a injecté une bonne dose de sucre dans le corps en leur servant des fèves au lard maison, des cretons, des crêpes, des petites patates, une omelette de cabane à sucre, le tout baignant dans du vrai sirop d'érable canadien (ils n'ont que du sirop de poteau ici!). On a couronné ça avec un souper de ragoût de pattes de cochon!

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# The Universality of Human Rights

by Azim Hussain,  
BCL II

In the last Quid, Joseph McHattie (in "Human Rights Conventions are Bunk, for the time being") argued that one of the reasons for the current failure of the implementation of human rights throughout the world is that human rights is a Western concept. I believe that this is a very dangerous line of reasoning, exhibiting the worst form of relativism. I think it can conclusively be shown that human rights have nothing at all to do with forms of thought that are only peculiar to the West.

Joseph argues that individualism, the assumption of the universality of reason, and secular morality are all premises upon which human rights are based, without which the concept is "non-sense". And yet, the Vietnamese and Algerians rebelled against the French, the Indians rebelled against the British, and Latin Americans have resisted against the Americans, to give only a few examples.

All of these societies were / are polar opposites of the kind of society Joseph imagines to be most amenable to human rights. Catholic Latin America can hardly be considered to be a place where secular morality thrives, yet not only is the discourse on human rights there a vibrant one, the Catholic Church has often taken a leading role in the struggle, leaving many martyrs (Archbishop Romero comes to mind) in its commitment to this ostensibly "secular, rational" concept.

Joseph makes a false equation when he associates religious morality with subservience to the collectivity, and secular morality with independence of mind. There are plenty of examples of deeply religious societies which are faced with rebellions against the collectivity or the state, or both: Algeria and Egypt being the more tragic cases. Conversely, there are examples where secular morality prevails but there is great conformity

with the prevailing ideological ethos. Canadian and American societies can be placed in this category.

Reason along Western lines has nothing to do with the amenability of human rights. The Zapatistas didn't read Descartes and Rousseau before realizing that their humanity was being degraded.

Joseph belies his own call for a more inclusive human rights by presuming that the existing conception of human rights is one grounded in rational, logico-deductive thought. People in Chiapas or anywhere else in the world have a visceral understanding of what it means to feel pain and to suffer. This has been the case throughout history. Some societies have codified their sentiments, and others have not. That they have not does not make their understanding of human rights radically different from ours.

By insisting that human rights are exclusively a Western construction, we lend credence to those around the world who dismiss activists in their countries as stooges of the West, of the First World, and worse, as traitors to the state.

Joseph is right that human rights conventions are bunk insofar as they remain unenforced. The fact that they do remain unenforced is indicative of the ideological climate that prevails in the countries that are in a position to effectuate any kind of change. The US owes the UN hundreds of millions of dollars. We shouldn't expect that money to come through any time soon.

To deplore the ideological climate is one thing, to label human rights as Western in order to account for the seeming lack of progress is something else.

## Mmmm...Golf

Marc Labrom

LSA Athletics Coordinator

A belated word about McGill Law's 3rd annual golf tournament. The elements notwithstanding, a great time appears to have been had by all at the Club de golf Lachute on September 12th. The course was in good, if soggy, condition as 28 students and a dozen local lawyers from Guy & Gilbert, McMaster Meighen, Ogilvy Renault, and Stikeman Elliott teamed up to tackle the 18 holes in question with impressive results.

Félicitations au groupe de Grégoire, Desbiens & Robichon pour avoir posté une fiche de 4 en dessous de la normale et aux gagnants des concours "closest to the pin" et "longest drive", Mark Bissell et Nicholas Robichon. Le comité organisateur de Marc Labrom, Jean Pierre Michaud et Marc-Andre Sansregret tient donc à remercier tous les participants et surtout nos commanditaires qui ont été très, très généreux cette année. Grâce à eux, 220\$ ont été récoltés pour la AED et les organismes de charité qu'elle encourage (Dans la rue, Chez Doris, Share the Warmth & The Old Brewery Mission):

Goodman Philips Vineberg  
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Guy & Gilbert  
Chuck Brown  
Mannella & Associés  
Club de Golf Lachute  
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# LSA NOTES

Steve Kelly,  
LSA President

OK so I decided to kill the tabloid type, attention grabbing headline, and went for a very boring title. If anyone has any better ideas, please tell me. Maybe Leitman can publish a top ten titles list? Anyway, the goal of this bi-weekly article is to keep you up to date on what's going on with the students' association, and after the debauchery of orientation, there is now more serious business to discuss: once again, here it goes in point form:

1. COURT OF APPEAL will be sitting in the moot court on Sept. 30. between 10 AM and 4:30 PM. This is open to all students and we would love to have a great turnout for this first-time event. Info on the cases being heard will be made available before the proceedings.

2. CURRICULUM REFORM. Two first-year information sessions will be held this week. Check with your class president for more info. In addition, there will

be a series of three plenary sessions for all students, which will be in the form of question and answer sessions. These sessions will cover the issues of: length of programme, transsystemic teaching proposals, non-course credits and different course baskets. There will be a panel of three professors and students at each session who will briefly outline the present state of affairs, and then take any and all questions. **THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** for all present students and for the future of the faculty. If you want student input, please attend.

The tentative dates at this point are:

Oct 8th Length of the program. (Panel will include Dean Toope)

Oct 22nd Non course credits and various course baskets.

Oct 29th Transsystemic teaching. (Panel will include Associate Dean Jutras).

All these are in the Wednesday 12:45 to 2:15 slot. They will likely be in the Moot Court. More info to come. Call me or stop me if you have ANY questions.

3. COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS We need more people to get involved in the following activities: Yearbook, Alumni relations, Fundraising, Social, and Law Games committees. It's a great way to meet more people and have a good time. If you're interested, please drop a note in Lilian Camilleri's box in the LSA.

4. LSA SERVICES Copytags and pool tokens are available at the Pit Stop, which coincidentally sells all chocolate bars and drinks for only 75 cents, tax included. Please come visit one of our many law school personalities employed in the back corner of our basement Also, there is now a brand new spankin' TV with cable available for your use in the TV lounge (enjoy those soaps). Pool tokens will be sold at Coffee House, any messages to the LSA can now be put on the chalk board outside the pit stop. No obscenities please. And anyone who wishes to send a fax should check the LSA office hours posted on the door.

I think that's all folks. See you all at Coffee House!

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## YP EXTERNAL REPORT

Mario Nigro, LSA Vice-President (External)

1) Health Insurance - Vendredi is the last date to drop out of the Health Insurance Plan. Please opt out now - this is your last chance this term.

2) New York City Trip - If you have not paid for the New York City trip and you are still thinking about coming, time is running out to register. Register Now or Perish!!! Call Mario at 849-2052 for more information.

3) SSMU Evening Interest Courses - The SSMU offers evening interest courses in Ballroom Dancing, Latin American Dance, Conversational French, and Bartending, among other courses. If you are interested in taking these or other courses they may have available please contact the SSMU Info Desk at 398-6800.

4) SSMU Council Information - The SSMU will be having a referendum in mid to late October to establish a first year student association. All law students will be able to vote for this proposal. The purpose of this association is to improve the first year experience and representation of first year issues at the SSMU. The Law Faculty will have one student seat on the association to be filled by the First Year Class Representatives. If you require more information about this proposal call Mario at 849-2052.

5) SSMU President visiting the LSA Council - Tara Newell, the SSMU President will make a presentation at the next Council Meeting. Please feel free to ask her any questions you may have.

6) SSMU Funding of Placement Office - We have been informed that the SSMU will be offering more funding to the Placement Office. The amount will be approximately \$1000.00 dollars.

7) SSMU Appointment - Mario Nigro been voted onto the SSMU Constitutional and Policy Review Committee of the SSMU. The purpose of the Committee is to update the archaic SSMU Constitution.

8) Employment Opportunity - Stewart MacAdam is looking for a student who is familiar with Quebec Contract Law to write up contracts for his business. Pay is negotiable and he is willing to pay well. If you are interested please call 844-7517 or his pager at 599-1051.



# VIVA EL PERU!

Anne-Charlotte Martineau,  
BCL II

J'ai tendance à croire que ce sont de petits hasards qui bouleversent notre vie. En effet, si je n'avais pas eu la surprenante envie d'aller barboter dans la "Currie Pool" un soir d'automne, jamais je n'aurais croisé une copine d'enfance qui, à la suite d'une discussion quelque peu décousue, me fit part d'un projet humanitaire auquel elle avait participé l'été précédent... C'est ainsi, par un concours de circonstances, que je pris contact avec El Refuerzo, un projet de coopération entre femmes péruviennes et canadiennes, projet qui allait grandement changer ma façon d'aborder la vie...

Inutile de s'étendre sur la levée de fonds (saupoudrée de surprises et de passagères crises de rage!) ni sur la formation - de janvier à juin - tant de groupe que personnelle: nous étions treize gringitas fin prêtes à s'envoler vers le Perou! Pendant six semaines, nous avons travaillé auprès d'une association péruvienne nommée Condoray, un centre local pour la promotion de la femme fondé en 1963. Condoray est situé dans la région de Canete, soit à 145 km au sud de Lima. Le but de cet organisme est l'épanouissement des femmes de pauvres villages de ladite région, et ce, au travers de l'éducation tant au niveau intellectuel que spirituel. Pour ce faire, Condoray offre une formation complète à quelques femmes par village (cours d'alphabétisation, de premiers soins, de développement personnel, de leadership, etc.). Ces femmes, appelées las promotoras, viennent dès lors à Condoray recevoir ces cours et, en échange, enseignent ce qu'elles ont appris aux femmes de leurs propres villages. Il y a en outre un programme de nutrition et de visites médicales gratuites offert par Condoray.

Les matinées, le groupe canadien El Refuerzo rénovait un local d'enseignement dans un village appelé Boca Del Rio. Les après-midis, nous

nous divisions en plusieurs groupes et exécutions diverses tâches dans plusieurs villages: donner des cours de nutrition, d'hygiène ou de couture, prendre en charge les refrigerios (qui consiste à s'occuper des enfants dont les mères sont en cours et leur donner une collation nutritive), ou encore aider le médecin lors de ses visites hebdomadaires. Par l'entremise d'une organisation locale bien établie, nous étions donc en contact direct avec femmes et enfants de villages d'une pauvreté indescriptible, tant au niveau matériel qu'au niveau "intellectuel" (scolairement parlant). Pourtant, ces gens, qui nous ont adoptées si chaleureusement, nous ont tant donné et appris que notre façon d'être a été magistralement chambardée... Nous cotoyions beaucoup las promotoras, ces piliers essentiels au bon déroulement du processus implanté par Condoray (qui signifie "chemin" en quechaw). Ces femmes sont des exemples de courage, de débrouillardise, de solidarité, de patience et de don de soi, vertues trop souvent mises de côté dans notre société nord-américaine, société si... développée. Courageuses car ces femmes adoptent le rôle de promotrice malgré l'opposition souvent présente

de la famille, du mari. Débrouillardes car elles arrivent à faire tout avec un presque rien, et ce rien n'est jamais gaspillé. Solidaires dans leurs travaux, dans leurs joies comme dans leurs peines. Patientes vis-à-vis leurs propres progrès, ceux de leurs consœurs et de leur pays. Généreuses car leurs engagements vis-à-vis Condoray sont ad vitam eternam, car elles vivent pour aider leurs villages et d'autres femmes à s'en sortir.

J'ai puisée dans ces femmes et enfants, dans leurs simples gestes et paroles, une force et une foi en la vie que je croyais inaccessible. Dans un village nommé Santa Barbara (...), j'ai rencontré une jeune fille de 11 ans, Ana, qui s'était présentée au cours de nutrition que je donnais aux señoras en attendant que celles-ci aillent voir le médecin avec leur marmaille. Croyant qu'elle était la gamine d'une de mes "élèves", je lui ai gentiment dit qu'elle pouvait aller au refrigerio. Mais voilà qu'une dame me prit par la main et me dit qu'Ana assistait généralement aux cours. Je n'ai donc pas insisté et Ana est venue s'asseoir parmi les señoras. Un peu plus tard, les promotoras de ce village m'ont raconté l'histoire d'Ana: sa mère étant morte il y a deux ans et son père, constamment imbu d'alcool,

suite en page 7

## Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Law Student Organization hosts its first event of the year

Todd Wharton, Co-Chair,  
*Sexual Minorities and the Law*

Les Minorités sexuelles et le droit/Sexual Minorities and the Law a le grand plaisir de vous annoncer notre premier événement de l'année scolaire 1997-98. We will be hosting a WINE & DESSERT GET-TOGETHER featuring a screening of episodes from the sensational British sitcom *Absolutely Fabulous* on Tuesday, September 30th beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bring your favorite wine or dessert. The

event will be held at 4257 Ave. de l'Esplanade #6 (between Marie-Anne and Rachel), on the west side of the plateau.

L'idée est de se donner l'occasion de se rencontrer et de se parler en dehors du "stress" du milieu universitaire. Pour obtenir plus d'informations sur l'événement ou sur l'organisation, écrivez-nous par courrier électronique (wharto\_t, bednar\_n, ou ravind\_k) ou appelez Todd au 844-0408. Venez nombreux!



# Peut-être un peu de justice

Myriam Bohémier

NAT IV

La semaine dernière, une avocate est venue nous parler d'une cause dont elle s'est occupée, dans le cadre du cours droit et psychiatrie. Il s'agissait de l'histoire d'une vieille dame de 78 ans atteinte d'alzheimer. Son fils la volait et la brutalisait peut-être (selon ses dires, il le faisait, mais il est difficile de savoir si tel était le cas compte tenu de sa maladie). Il la maintenait isolée de ses soeurs et de sa fille. L'avocate représentait la soeur de la vieille dame. Cette dernière ne désirait que le bien de sa soeur, pouvoir la voir, l'amener au restaurant, et la sortir des griffes de son fils. Ce que des enfants peuvent être ingrats! Faire signer des mandats en cas d'incapacité et des testaments à sa mère alors qu'elle est hospitalisée et ne se rappelle même plus qu'elle est mariée! Enfin, le pire dans tout ça, c'est que les banques et les gens en général croient

qu'un mandat en cas d'incapacité non homologué a force de loi. Ainsi, le fils a pu vider le compte de banque de sa mère et se défendre en cour sur le bras de son ascendante!

Cette conférence a fait une différence dans la perception que j'ai des avocats. Même si mes professeurs de droit de la famille ont répété à plusieurs reprises que les avocats devaient toujours tenir compte de l'intérêt de l'enfant malgré qu'il ne soit pas leur client, je ne croyais pas sincèrement qu'ils mettaient en pratique un tel principe. Je me disais qu'on ne mord pas la main qui nous nourrit. Or, j'avais devant moi une femme qui remplissait ses devoirs légaux, qui était intègre et avait des scrupules. La première question qu'elle nous a posée était de savoir pourquoi elle avait demandé à sa cliente ses revenus, ses actifs, ... Je pensais que c'était pour savoir si sa cliente pourrait la payer. Mais je me trompais. Elle voulait s'assurer que sa

cliente n'avait pas l'intention de faire la même chose que le fils. De plus, elle nous racontait avec émotions la bataille juridique qu'elle a menée afin de faire sortir la dame du centre de personnes âgées où son fils la maintenait recluse. Elle était émotivement impliquée dans cette affaire, consciente que les délais entraînaient beaucoup de stress pour sa cliente âgée de 76 ans.

Je suis peut-être un peu traditionnelle, mais j'ai besoin d'aider les gens pour donner un sens à ce que je fais. Selon moi, cette avocate me ressemblait à ce niveau. Si elle peut se donner à fond et s'impliquer entièrement avec ce qu'elle est et ce qu'elle ressent, alors c'est possible que je trouve ma place en droit. J'étais attirée par le droit pour la justice. J'ai réalisée avec les années que le droit n'a pas grand chose à voir avec cet idéal. Mais maintenant, je crois qu'il y a peut-être une lueur d'espoir.

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travaillant aux champs, c'était elle qui devait prendre soin de la maisonnée, notamment de ces cinq frères cadets. Ce jour-là, elle avait fait une heure de marche avec eux, tout simplement pour qu'ils aient l'occasion d'aller rencontrer el doctor. Mes problèmes m'ont paru soudain si superflus, anodins: sans toutefois les repousser, j'ai compris ma tendance - notre tendance - à me plaindre pour un oui ou un non, à considérer beaucoup d'événements comme étant des calamités injustes, à tout arrêter pour tenter de résoudre la terrible question "pourquoi moi"... Et Ana, elle, continuait tout simplement son petit bout de chemin.

Ignorante, naïve, la pauvre Ana, me direz-vous? Qu'elle ne connaît pas ce qu'elle manque, et c'est pour cela qu'elle parvient à survivre?

Détrompez-vous: des familles entières dépensent leurs économies pour une boîte en métal leur transmettant surnoisement des images d'une Amérique riche et surabondante. Au Pérou, j'ai compris l'importance de savourer chaque moment, chaque joie - le bonheur est à portée de main... J'ai vu des enfants s'amuser pendant des heures avec un bout de corde, une chanson, une idée. Nous étions bien loin du super nintendo! Nous avons tous une responsabilité à porter. Nous devons réaliser que chaque besoin comblé en crée un autre qu'il nous faut également satisfaire. Quoi de plus facile que de tendre sa carte de crédit en échange d'un produit - indispensable, naturellement. Or, les besoins matériaux des péruviens semblent moindres, simplement parce qu'ils

n'ont ni les facilités, ni la surabondance pour se laisser tenter... Il n'est pas question ici d'affirmer la supériorité d'un peuple vis-à-vis un autre, ni de trouver un bon et un méchant. Il s'agit de voir forces et faiblesses de diverses nations afin qu'elles puissent mutuellement s'enseigner, échanger. Sans aucun doute, le Canada possède plusieurs atouts, une base démocratique solide (si on le compare avec l'ex-Zaïre...), de nombreuses ressources et structures sociales qui sont modérément accessibles à une grande partie de la population. Toutefois, ce continent, semblant perdu dans sa propre infrastructure et abondance, en oublie certaines vertues fondamentales que le Pérou, pays du tiers-monde, vide d'infrastructures convenables, possède...



# Separation and separate fees

Tim Dunn,  
LLB III

I feel compelled to respond to Myriam Bohémier's recent article on the topic of Quebec separation entitled "Sick of it", which appeared in the last *Quid Novi*.

I find it particularly irresponsible of the News Director of our student newspaper to make offhand remarks about "Quebec's *eventual* sovereignty." In addition, I personally find those remarks insensitive and hurtful.

I, too, do not wish to make a case for or against Quebec separation. What I have to say is that this issue affects many students here at the Faculty of Law very deeply, and one should take greater care for one's colleagues' feelings when publishing statements on this subject.

I also want to comment on the English defeat of the French, and subsequent control of what has now become Canada. While French colonists truly forged the foundations for our country, and colonized Quebec for almost 200 years before defeat by the English, we must not forget the true founders of this land, the aboriginals.

The French assertion of right to Quebec over the English because they came here first should rightly be juxtaposed against the historical presence of aboriginals, who have been here for thousands upon thousands of years.

This is not to say that Quebec should not be regarded as the home of French language and culture in Canada. Nothing could be further from the truth. This is where French colonists settled, sowed the seeds of a truly great culture, and made their home.

What I have to say is that my forefathers, neither English nor French, came to Quebec as well, and made a

home for their descendants. My roots are in Quebec too (since 1825). I belong here, and I am a proud and patriotic Canadian and love my country deeply.

With all due respect, I will not silently stand by and allow someone to usurp the voice of all Quebecers for their own agenda.

Myriam Bohémier should also note that the politics of divisiveness are being practiced just as ardently by the government of Quebec as by any other government in Canada.

I am not talking about the language laws currently in force here: I feel that these laws are (on the whole) necessary to promote and preserve the use of French in Quebec.

What I am referring to is the Quebec government's decision to charge out of province Canadians more than 65% more to come to school in Quebec than they charge students from Quebec or a from a French-speaking country (see Myriam Bohémier, *Quebec Student Fees*, in the last *Quid* for more information).

See the connection. The government of Quebec is effectively saying, "English Canadians: stay out, don't come to Quebec to study. We'd rather have people from another country here than you."

Canadian students are impeded from coming to Quebec, really learning about Quebec culture, improving their

French language skills, and making Quebecer friends.

This is the true path to reconciliation: understanding the other culture through first-hand experience.

This position is not justifiable by a fiscal restraint argument for several reasons. First, this policy saves the government \$35 million out of an education deficit of \$780 million. Second, foreign nationals get the Quebec tuition rate and Canadian citizens do not. Third, while education is constitutionally a provincial jurisdiction, the federal government greatly subsidizes post-secondary education. The dollars are coming from Ottawa more than from Quebec.

Quebecers, ask yourselves this: how would you feel sitting in a lecture in a Canadian university beside someone from another country who was paying almost half as much as you to sit there, only by virtue of the fact that they spoke English? You'd feel unwelcome. That's what is going on right here, right now, in the McGill Faculty of Law.

*Editor's note:*

*The article in question was written by Myriam Bohémier in her own name, and not in her capacity as News Editor of the Quid Novi, or as a representative of its editorial board.*

Davide Pisanu  
Editor in Chief

**Don't forget the COURT OF APPEAL will be sitting in the moot court on Sept. 30. between 10 AM and 4:30 PM. It is open to all students (yes, even you).**



# Law opens season 2-2

by White Fisher

So there I was, enjoying my summer hibernation in the attic of McConnell, when all of a sudden I heard the unmistakable sound of wood, fiberglass and tape meeting frozen rubber. Whoo-hoo! Hockey was back in town and, therefore, so am I.

The Faculty began this year's campaign on Tuesday, September 23, with the Women's B Team — going by the moniker **Chix with Stix** — taking on Tuff Schist.

According to acknowledged hearsay evidence obtained from a source near to coach (and outstanding centre in his own right) Downtown Wade Dougherty, the Chix went down to defeat in a big way, losing 10-0.

Admittedly, experience on the team is a rarity, as is an actual goalie, so expect bigger things to come from these Chix. As Downtown was reputed to have said after the loss, fighting may become one of the team's best qualities.

Shortly thereafter, what appears to be a Men's D League team made up of law students took to the ice. Unfortunately, this reporter stepped out for a steamy or two at that point, and missed the game.

The team's name is **Semper Tyrannis**, it was victorious by a margin of 3-1, and has the honor of recording Law's first victory of the 1997-98 season.

The very next game was the marquee match of the night. Women's A League Law team **Malum in Se** took to the ice against the GhettoBlasters, losing finalists last year. This would be a test of the Law team, given the change in division and absence of a dressed goaler.

The strategy I dubbed the Malum in Six was revisited: six players on the ice, one hanging back in net, the other five pressing. When it works, it works well; when it doesn't, the score is generally ugly.

The first period saw a concerted

Malum push, holding the puck in the Blastars' zone through a combination of strong work in the corners and brilliant point-work at the blue line. Countless were the pucks that skirted the crease without meeting a well-placed Malum stick. With only 1:30 left to play in the period, the puck literally ran along the Blastars' goal-line without incident. Game scoreless.

The second period saw the Blastars come to life, but Malum remained undaunted. Erin Needra carried for an end-to-end rush reminiscent of a certain M. Lafleur, but was stoned at the end. Credit must be given to the Blastars' goalie for smothering anything that had the potential to be a rebound.

The tie was finally broken at 2:20 when a Malum giveaway in their own zone led to a Blastars' wrist shot that found the net.

However, Malum came out even more aggressively following that setback: the sisters Johnston, ever present in the offensive zone for the first 20 minutes, now swarmed each puck relentlessly, frustrating the break-out attempts of the Blastars.

The erosion worked, as standout forward Kirsten Crain was able to tie the game at 14:00 of the second. Moments later, she paid the price for her hard work in front of the net, being dropped by a Blaster around the hash marks.

Quite correctly, she regained her feet, skated to the net, grabbed a rebound, and knocked it in from a bad angle at 15:00.

That left five minutes to kill, and Malum did it well, keeping the pressure on and refusing to let the Blastars get a toehold in their zone.

With less than a minute to play, it looked like a tie was in the offing: two Blastars broke away from the red line on the lone Malum player standing in net. One Blaster took the lead at the blue line and zeroed in. With no less aplomb than a born netminder, the Malum player came out of the net, cut down the angle, and blocked the shot to save the game.

I missed your name, Number 6, but not your talent. Well done.

Final score: Malum 2, Blastars 1.

In all, this was a game Malum deserved to win from the opening face-off. The Blastars are a very good team, and Malum made their offense look impotent and their defense look threadbare, all without a true backstop.

My recommendation to the Malum brain trust of Pickwood and Kelly: find a goaler and a cup beckons.

The final Law game of the night saw Men's B League team **Spawn of Fagan** take on the curiously-named Fur. This too promised to be an interesting match, given that a number of key players from Fagan's powerhouse team of last year had made the jump to the A League, and those remaining had been joined by new recruits.

What would 97-98 hold for this team?

That night, not much. Frankly, the team looked disorganized and unaccustomed to each other, with Fagan players running into each other on offense and congregating in the corners on defense.

Fur, apparently better at hockey than original thought, took advantage of this internal chaos and peppered Fagan's goalie all night long. But for that stalwart soul in the Maple Leafs sweater, Fagan would have gone down to greater depths than the 7-1 it did.

Both periods of the game can be summed up in one sentence: Fagan was unable to clear their own zone and could not get anything started (let alone sustained) offensively.

Their lone goal was a one-timer from the face-off circle on a rush, and while attractive, too little, too late at 14:15 of the second period (especially since it was only the tenth Fagan shot on goal all night).

In all, there's promise here. Every skater is aggressive, fast and skilled. The forwards each move the puck well, and only need to start moving

it would be wise to turn to page 10 to learn more

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# Rosh Hashana

Benjamin Archibald LL.B. I

To many in the law school, October the second is a curious day in which classes are canceled and a quarter of the student body disappears.

Everyone in the school has taken Foundations and is quite familiar with McGill's policy regarding Jewish holidays. After all, this policy is the bedrock of legal normativity!

Yet few amongst us are really aware of what *Rosh Hashana* is or means. For some it means a day off, for others a trip home to their families, and for a few it means a very long couple of days in synagogue.

The term *Rosh Hashana* simply means 'head' of the year, or in simpler terms, the Jewish new year. It is a period in the Jewish cycle of holidays that accentuates a process of self-examination that is to intensify for ten days (the Days of Awe), culminating on *Yom Kippur*, otherwise known as The Day of Atonement, or to my Civil Law colleagues, Le Jour du Grand Pardon.

The Jewish new year is a time of *teshuvah* (repentance), in which each individual must plead his case before God in the hopes of being enshrined in The Book of Life, as opposed to its alternative.

Ideally, then, the Days of Awe are a period of sustained self-examination premised upon recognition of our strengths and weaknesses, both as individuals and as a community. It is this examination that is said to lead to self-improvement along with a rekindled awareness of the human-God relationship.

Usually the month leading up to the new year and the Days of Awe are a trying time for me. It is not every day that one pleads his case before the Almighty.

Upon completing my first month of law school, though, I have realized that the secret to pleading a good case is finding a good lawyer. As a first year student, I am somewhat unqualified for the job. I haven't partaken in Moot Court and my rhetorical skills are still somewhat amateur.

As a consequent, maybe Dean Toope can be put on retainer so that he can face God for me! After all, he was so convincing on that first day of classes. He actually got me excited about staying in Quebec and studying law at McGill, no easy feat. If he can motivate an anglophone Montrealer, God should not pose too big of a threat.

I suspect the Dean may be busy that day. Apparently, his job is quite demanding. I suppose I will have to face God alone and hope that my limited legal abilities get me through the coming days.

On a more serious note, a *Shanna Tovah ve Hatima Tova* to all the students in the faculty. As an individual I can say that I have much to improve on in the coming year. As a community we as Jews have much to work on. Hopefully, the new year will set us on the right track.

And Dean Toope, if you're not busy give me a call!

**Don't miss Rosh Hashana coming up this week**

More hockey coming right up with...

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it well together or being aware of where it's moving to really gel.

The defense and goaltending, always the most suspect facet of Fagan last year, also needs more time to get to know itself, but the goalie is already a significant improvement.

You could do worse than watch one of these games.

Speaking of which, here's an abbreviated schedule for the next while:

Mon. Sept. 29, 22:30:

**Men's A League (Prosecutors) vs. Hitmen**

Tues. Sept. 30, 20:30:

**Spawn of Fagan vs. Chiefs**

Fri. Oct 3, 23:30:

**Prosecutors vs. Wiggum's Warriors**

Sun. Oct. 5, 17:00:

**Chix with Stix vs. P.O.T. R Us**

Mon. Oct. 6, 21:

**Semper Tyrannis vs. Team Sucko**

Tues. Oct. 8, 22:30:

**Spawn of Fagan vs. Wake and Bake**

Tues. Oct. 14, 23:30:

**Prosecutors vs. Balantis**

Wed. Oct. 15, 20:30:

**Malum in Se vs. Malpractice**

That's all for now. Stay tuned for further reports from your newly awakened Man at McConnell. Accept no substitutes. Support your Faculty, and in doing so, the Brasserie des Pins.

- David White, NAT IV



Before I begin, I would like to make a small clarification: Clare Mauro does not work at the Placement Office anymore. For those of you who are new to McGill, I spent the last two years and the better part of this past summer working in the Placement Office. This year, I am focusing my attention on my new position on the LSA as V.P. Common Law, while the Placement Office is being run by two excellent co-chairs, Dominic Belley, BCL II, and Julie Daoust, LLB II. Having said that, I am still involved with the office in a new capacity, as you will see below...

For the past several years, there has been a great deal of discussion among students about the "Placement Office situation." The view that "We really ought to have a full-time Placement Officer" has become increasingly common, and in the last two years this has been emphasized quite strongly in LSA election campaigns. It has been expressed that McGill is lagging behind other law faculties--particularly those in Quebec and Ontario--which have hired full-time Career Development Officers (CDOs). Furthermore, there are other professional faculties right here at McGill, namely Engineering and Management, which have also created positions of this nature to assist students with career options.

Whilesome students feel quite strongly about this issue, others may be scratching their heads and wondering what all the fuss is about. After all, don't we have an Assistant Dean who is responsible for Placement, in addition to Admission and Alumni Relations? And

## You can take the woman out of the placement office, but you can't take the placement office out of the woman...

*Clare Mauro,  
LL.B. III*

don't we have two students who manage the office?

Without delving too deeply into the annals of the Faculty, allow me to provide a bit of context. In the fall of 1995, the LSA officially recognized the Placement Office as a student initiative, and two student co-chair positions were established under the new constitution. At approximately the same time, the Faculty strengthened its commitment to placement needs by creating a new position of Assistant Dean, Admissions, Placement and Alumni Relations. The idea was that this position would be held by a member of the legal profession who was not necessarily an academic.

In the first year, things continued pretty much as they had been, with the primary new initiative being Placement Day. This event brought speakers from outside and within the legal profession to discuss career-related issues, such as résumé-writing and interview skills, alternatives to private practice, and the evolution of the practice of law. Since

the spring of 1996, many new initiatives followed: the Round Table Series for Legal Employers, Careers Outside of Legal Practice Day, Luncheon Seminars, and the Alumni Network Database, to name but a few. In this respect, the Placement Office has pushed the yard-sticks forward considerably from what existed before. Nevertheless, due to increasing demand on the time and resources of the office, coupled with the challenge from students to find out about new and creative uses for a law degree, this year's council, in cooperation with the Dean and the Assistant Dean, is committed to investigating new possibilities for the Placement Office. To that end, an ad-hoc committee was established consisting of the two student Placement Officers, the Assistant Dean, two "students-to-be-named-later", and me.

Over the coming months, a report will be tabled examining the future of the Placement Office. This report will be presented to council and will be made available to all students later in the year. One possibility which will be considered is the creation of a new position for a Career Development Officer. However, this is only one possibility. Because some alternatives may involve obtaining funding from students in the form of a levy, it is important that students get involved and make their views known. We encourage students to share their comments, suggestions and/or questions. To do so, or to find out about becoming further involved, please send an e-mail to [mauro\\_c](mailto:mauro_c). Watch for articles in up-coming issues of the Quid for more details...

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## **“Aimer: un acte juridiquement irréconciliable”**

Patrick Cormier, BCL I

(dédié à un oiseau de France qui,  
sans le savoir,  
telle une muse immortelle entrevue à la faveur d'un songe,  
secoue les fondements du coeur...)

Ah! Ne m'éveille pas de ce doux songe d'une nuit d'automne,  
Laisse-moi vivre ce songe d'Enfant,  
Laisse-moi oublier l'Adulte Juridique qui, avidement, guette mon réveil...

Adulte Juridique, on m'initie au Sujet de Droit:  
(N'y a-t-il pas là culte de la Volonté Individualiste?)  
Mais non! Il y a expression de puissance juridique,  
Consécration de droits subjectifs,  
Idéalisation de droits objectifs,  
Institutionnalisation de volonté communale,  
Et même, me dit-on avec fierté, expression démocratique de justice en société...  
L'Enfant vacille, l'Adulte grandit - et l'Enfant, en vain, murmure:  
Ne vois-tu pas?  
Réduis ces concepts compliqués,  
Obligations, Contrats et Propriété:  
Ce savoir ne procède-t-il point d'une même origine,  
Origine qui, simplement, te dicte la nécessité de t'armer contre ton prochain?  
La Justice n'est-elle pas le digne couvert d'une peur innée, viscérale?

Ah! Ne m'éveille pas de ce doux songe d'une nuit d'automne,  
Laisse-moi vivre ma vie d'Enfant,  
Permet-moi de ne point grandir...

Enfant, effrayé, je tends la main vers l'Adulte qui, malade,  
S'émerveille devant un Recueil de la Cour Suprême de son pays,  
Et oublie le plaisir d'une marche d'automne...

Adulte Juridique, on m'expose au Droit Constitutionnel:  
(N'y a-t-il pas là culte de la Volonté Étatique?)  
Mais non! Il y a synthèse d'une exégèse légale centenaire,  
Expression d'une harmonie de société,  
Référence idéale pour situer l'Homme dans son existence temporelle,  
Et même, me dit-on avec gravité, consécration des valeurs de société...  
L'Enfant faiblit, l'Adulte s'affirme - et l'Enfant, à peine écouté, souffle:  
Ne comprends-tu point?  
Cet échafaudage invraisemblable,

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**Qu'arriverait-il si  
vous ne pouviez trou-  
ver un Quid?**

**Qu'advierait-il de  
votre temps de  
lecture de qualité  
hebdomadaire?**

**Quel malheur!**

Le Quid a une solution

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*Loi Suprême, Conventions et Usages:  
Cette construction ne procède-t-elle point d'une même  
source,  
Source qui, simplement, veut lier l'animal politique contre  
sa propre folie?  
L'État n'est-il point le bouclier contre nous-même?*

*Ah! Ne m'éveille pas de ce doux songe d'une nuit d'au-  
tomne,  
Laisse-moi ma magie d'Enfant,  
Pourquoi ne viens-tu pas jouer avec moi...*

*Enfant, je regarde, rancunier, ce Droit qui aliène l'Adulte  
Juridique  
(Que font-ils lorsque les oiseaux chantent?)  
J'ai peur. On ne trompe pas facilement un Enfant:  
On veut lui faire croire que l'Adulte est un enfant qui a  
mûri,  
Mais l'Enfant voit un Enfant qui a oublié comment aimer.  
Pourquoi a-t-il fallu un docteur en philosophie  
Pour allier connaissance réelle de soi  
Avec l'acte d'aimer?  
Pourquoi a-t-il fallu un poète renommé  
Pour dire que lorsque l'Amour nous parle,  
Il faut croire en lui?  
Nous, Enfants, savons ces choses.  
Ne point articuler en mots la magie d'aimer  
N'enlève point ses effets...*

*Ah, je t'en supplie, j'ai peur, prends-moi par la main...  
Ne veux-tu pas m'accompagner jusqu'à la fin de ta vie?*



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# Moi, aussi, j'en ai mare

Brandon Rudnikoff

LLB I

J'ai eu beau m'empêcher d'en parler, mais, puisque quelqu'un d'autre a lancé le premier coup, je ne peux plus rester muet. J'entends souvent les attaques vers ce que les souverainistes aiment appeler "Plan B." Je ne crois pas qu'il y ait vraiment un "plan B" fait à dessein, mais de toute façon, j'aimerais défendre les efforts du gouvernement fédéral qui lutte contre la menace souverainiste. La destruction éventuelle de notre pays n'est pas une question qui ne concerne que les Québécois, mais une qui est importante pour tous les Canadiens. Le gouvernement fédéral a le droit, ainsi que l'obligation de défendre les droits des citoyens qui veulent rester canadiens (qui comprennent toujours la majorité de la population au Québec). Même pour les souverainistes, je crois que c'est important que les questions posées par la possibilité d'un Québec indépendant et les conséquences soient bien clarifiées avant le prochain referendum. La référence à la Cour Suprême est un très bon forum pour ceci. La France n'avait pas besoin de suivre sa Constitution pour établir une

république, mais c'était seulement parce que les Français ont tous rejeté la constitution. Il y a bien des gens au Canada qui tiennent encore leur constitution à coeur.

Je suis d'accord que la meilleure façon d'assurer que le Québec reste une partie du Canada, c'est de faire en sorte que les Québécois se sentent bienvenus au Canada. En même temps, ce qu'on appelle "Plan A" et "Plan B" ne sont pas mutuellement exclusifs. Quand on traite notre avenir collectif, il faut faire tout ce qu'on peut pour assurer que le Canada reste unifié. Ce n'est pas toujours plaisant pour tout le monde mais, à mon avis, l'alternative est encore pire. Je suis vraiment désolé qu'il y ait certains individus qui ne se sentent pas des membres complets de la communauté canadienne quand ils voient une statue de Wolfe. Pour vrai-dire, je peux bien comprendre cela, parce-que, quand je vois une grande station de métro nommée d'après un grand antisémite et raciste comme Lionel Groulx, je sens pareillement que je ne suis pas bien-venu dans ma propre province.

Cela montre que le respect pour les autres n'est pas un chemin à sens unique. Pour en venir au fait, c'est presque inutile de continuer à offrir des

changements au Québec pendant qu'on a un gouvernement résolu à refuser toute tentative que le reste du Canada lui offre. Pendant qu'on a un gouvernement qui est antagoniste envers le gouvernement fédéral, c'est ridicule de s'attendre à ce que le gouvernement fédéral ne se défende pas. C'est vrai que beaucoup de gens ont échoué à arriver à une solution dans le passé, mais personne n'avait dit que ça serait facile. Avec autant à perdre, il faut essayer encore plus fort. Malheureusement, il me semble que ce sont ceux qui appuient le gouvernement du Parti québécois qui ont abandonné l'effort.

It is a terrible shame that so many Quebecers continue to view their situation in terms of "us and them." While it is true that there were two founding peoples at our country's birth, we have over two centuries of shared history and identity. In this country, which is still the envy of the world, there is a lot to be proud of that the French and the English, working together, have built. It is something worth saving. It will certainly help to accept each other in our differences. It would help even more, however, to recognize how much we have in common.

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# McStudents

Mark Searl,  
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It epitomizes the convenience of modern life: a man walks into a store, hands over a few notes (or, in Canada, coins), and receives within a matter of seconds the all-satisfying hamburger. There is little regard to where its components came from, or the processes involved in its preparation; all that matters is that hunger is satisfied, right now, without much effort expended in the process. If, indeed, hunger is not satisfied, there is always the quintessential side order of fries - or better, yet, another hamburger.

Recently, I attended the final screening of *The New McGill*, a film produced over the past summer by an on-campus student organization called Art Attack. For those of you who had not heard about it, this was a film which highlighted through satire the spectre of McGill evolving into a campus that pursued profitability, not education, as its highest goal. The production ran just under an hour, and blended fact with fiction in an intriguing, if at times tedious, manner. There were humorous images of a rich, homogenous student body dressed in suits and ties frolicking on a dazzling campus while the techno tune "It's a Beautiful Life" played in the background. Interspersed with these scenes were others showing a dilapidated Music building and an ever-increasing list of "black dots" on courses such as "Cultural Studies", along with clips from last year's student occupation of the Principal's office. While the sciences at The New McGill thrived thanks to corporate sponsorship, subjects which were no longer thought "competitive" or relevant to today's environment (i.e. lots of "artsy" subjects) were readily eliminated or neglected. Graduates of this mythical

new university thanked McGill for making them not

learned individuals, but successful and prestigious ones.

Art Attack of course encountered numerous obstacles in creating and broadcasting this work, to the extent that they were ultimately barred from showing it in the Leacock Building and were forced to move elsewhere. Art Attack is, of course, primarily composed of Arts undergraduate students, the ones who are most adversely affected by the perceived ongoing changes in administrative policies (though there was a brief segment in the film involving the Law Faculty as well). It is easy to interpret *The New McGill* as the dying cry of a small bunch of students who hate to see their favorite unconventional courses stricken from the curriculum, and who refuse to face up to the economic reality that some courses are just not popular enough to continue anymore. Yet there is, I think, more to the issue..



Notwithstanding the possibility that the university administration may be involved in questionable actions regarding the shaping of McGill's academic environment, and the additional fact that some courses really should be dropped, it must be conceded that there has been a genuine decline in interest in classical studies, literature, and other subjects of a similar nature. One possible explanation for this is that students and the society at large no longer hold "learning for learning's sake" in high esteem; what is most

important is that one obtains a "practical" education, one that can be easily translated into a job with a decent salary and benefits. In some sense, universities like McGill (which was given the logo of McDonald's famous golden arches in the film) are forced to respond to a new generation of "McStudents" who may protest loudly about rising tuition and increasing corporate sponsorship, yet who themselves may someday aspire to work at Microsoft at a wage far higher than their labour is worth. The undergraduate degree has, to a frightening extent, been reduced to a fast-food hamburger - and for those who are still hungry for more pay, there is always the Masters program.

What is the price for an impoverished attitude toward education? Most significantly, it is an impoverished society. Many of us remain unaware of facts of world history and geography, knowledge of the foundations of Western civilization, and familiarity with the beauty of the visual arts (apart from those found on the Internet). As law students, we are by no means immune from these considerations: isn't a law degree one of the most practical things one could seek? Don't we just hate it when law courses seem too "fluffy"? Yet in spite of this, don't we at times feel as though there have been gaps in our education, gaps that cannot immediately be filled because there are still cases to be read for tomorrow?

There is no easy solution to a scenario in which individuals avidly pursue the bottom line and, in the process, forget their traditions, ultimately becoming less human. We, however, do not have to be swept by the tide. There are many ways in which we can slow down the pace of our fast-food lives - some as easy as reading a novel, others requiring more complicated readjustments of our attitudes and goals. It is only by conscious, sustained choice that we can avoid becoming McStudents.

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## *Twere: To Guard / To protect*

*By Soulette Gray BCL 99*

*In order to be full, the mind must be kept empty  
This is in life a most important irony  
A cluttered garage is no good for one engaging in creativity  
This is why knowledge is less valuable than intuition  
This is why only wisdom can truly dissipate confusion  
Warning! logic is not always your friend  
Logic can cause you your life in the end  
For the "ex-port" risks "ex" ing out the "port" inent  
The seemingly useless detail may prove a clue lent  
To us by the quick witted gut-feeling or intuition  
Sent to us from the headquarters of self-preservation  
The mind that receives, unlocks and transmits information  
At a pace too quick to always be detected  
Yet almost always accurate in its aim to protect and be pro-  
tected  
The intuition is mostly outwardly directed  
Though it is internally connected  
It remains a vital tool that is highly underrated  
Especially by the so called "highly educated"  
But remember, the "hocus pocus"  
Upon which today you were too "intelligent" to focus  
Might leave you with a tomorrow  
Full of regret and sorrow  
For you would have missed the chance  
To avoid one or several deadly danger dance(s)  
That makes us vulnerable to cruelty  
Whether it be obvious or cloaked in subtlety  
To this end, it pays to come back to earth  
Primal instinct is not extinct; it has its worth  
That is why nature equipped us with it at birth  
Don't be fooled, it can never be reason  
Intuition is still our best weapon  
Because only intuition  
Encompasses sufficiently abundant caution.*